



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5573

LCO No. 1963

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING CLOSED-CAPTIONING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Closed-captioning services" means services that are (A)
4 designed for persons with hearing disabilities that provide a live or
5 prerecorded visual presentation of the sound associated with a
6 television program, and (B) not visible except on a television receiver
7 designed to display such services or by use of an installed decoder.

8 (2) "Broadcast news program" means any news program produced
9 and broadcasted in this state, including, but not limited to, any sports,
10 weather, emergency, legislative, educational, governmental or health
11 program.

12 (b) On or before January 1, 2006, all television stations located in this
13 state shall provide closed-captioning services for all broadcast news
14 programs.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2004</i> |

Statement of Purpose:

To provide closed-captioning services for local news programming.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]